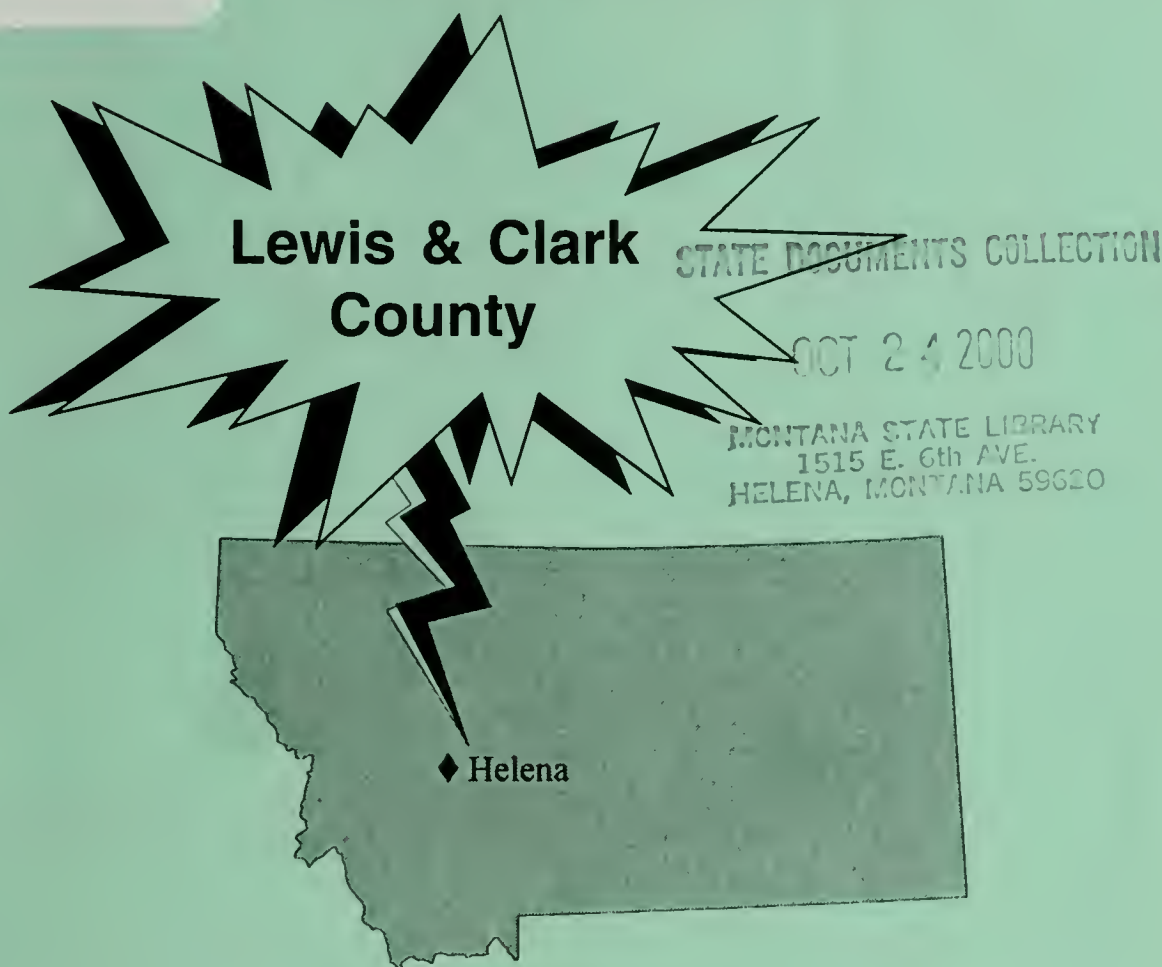


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Department of Labor and Industry Labor Market Information for



Cities and Towns in Lewis & Clark County

Augusta	◆	Austin	◆	Canyon Creek	◆	Canyon Ferry
Craig	◆	East Helena	◆	Fort Harrison	◆	Helena
Lincoln	◆	Marysville	◆	Rimini	◆	Wolf Creek

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Located in western Montana, Lewis & Clark County is Montana's sixth most populous with 47,495 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Helena, the county seat, is the state's fifth largest city with a population of 24,609. The city is located at the junction of Interstate 15 and U.S. Highways 12 and 287, halfway between Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. Nicknamed the "Queen City of the Rockies," Helena is a major cultural and recreational area.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1865, was one of the first nine territorial counties and was originally named Edgerton County for the first territorial Governor Sidney Edgerton. The authors say Helena was named after Helena, Minnesota, by former resident of Minnesota John Somerville.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Lewis and Clark County households in 1989 was \$26,409. The county is 3,497.6 square miles in area; 3,461 square miles in land area and 36.6 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the average daily low in January between 1980 and 1989 was 10.7 degrees above zero and average January snowfall 8.9 inches. The average daily high in July was 82.1 degrees above. The annual precipitation in 1995 was 12.41 inches and the length of the growing season 102 days.

Top 20 Private Employers In Lewis & Clark County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

Albertson's ASARCO Blue Cross/Blue Shield Carroll College County Market Dick Anderson Construction Dillard's	Family Outreach Inc. Federal Reserve Bank Independent Record Mergenthaler Transfer & Storage Rocky Mountain Development Council Safeway St. Peter's Hospital	Shodair Shopko U S WEST Wal-Mart Watkins & Shepard Trucking West Mont
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

Fourth Quarter 1998 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

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Helena	28,306	28,094	24,609	15.0%	14.2%

Annual Average Labor Force For Lewis & Clark County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
1970	15,725	15,185	540	3.4%
1971	16,122	15,486	636	3.9%
1972	16,912	16,293	619	3.7%
1973	17,338	16,590	748	4.3%
1974	17,987	17,136	851	4.7%
1975	18,510	17,626	884	4.8%
1976	20,077	19,155	922	4.6%
1977	22,730	21,589	1,141	5.0%
1978	24,406	23,049	1,357	5.6%
1979	24,472	23,309	1,163	4.8%
1980	24,715	23,474	1,241	5.0%
1981	25,583	24,102	1,481	5.8%
1982	25,930	24,074	1,856	7.2%
1983	26,262	24,364	1,898	7.2%
1984	24,950	23,317	1,633	6.5%
1985	25,719	23,980	1,739	6.8%
1986	26,268	24,521	1,747	6.7%
1987	26,679	24,931	1,748	6.6%
1988	26,031	24,542	1,489	5.7%
1989	25,783	24,567	1,216	4.7%
1990	25,554	24,404	1,150	4.5%
1991	25,720	24,250	1,470	5.7%
1992	26,490	25,010	1,480	5.6%
1993	26,880	25,500	1,380	5.1%
1994	27,520	26,385	1,135	4.1%
1995	27,536	26,112	1,424	5.2%
1996	27,575	26,323	1,252	4.5%
1997	28,092	26,690	1,402	5.0%
1998	28,360	27,001	1,359	4.8%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1999 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	24,365	12,582	11,783
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	8,164	4,390	3,774
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	4,000	2,250	1,750
Professional Specialty Occupations	4,164	2,140	2,024
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	7,538	2,439	5,099
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	850	432	418
Sales Occupations	2,164	1,153	1,011
Administrative Support Occupations, including Clerical	4,524	854	3,670
Service Occupations	3,562	1,386	2,176
Private Household Occupations	73	7	66
Protective Service Occupations	332	296	36
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	3,157	1,083	2,074
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	618	453	165
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	2,038	1,852	186
Mechanics and Repairers	737	721	16
Construction Trade	853	798	55
Extractive Occupations	67	54	13
Precision Production Occupations	381	279	102
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	2,342	2,020	322
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	642	519	123
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	861	769	92
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	839	732	107
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	103	42	61

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CO-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chambers of Commerce:**
Helena Chamber, 225 Cruse, Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-4120
Lincoln Chamber, P. O. Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4949

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Helena Job Service
715 Front St., P. O. Box 201505, Helena, MT 59620, 406-447-3200

Helena Unemployment Claims Telephone Center
P. O. Box 201502, Helena, MT 59620-1502, 406-444-2545

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Helena Association of Realtors, Multiple Listing Service, 406-449-3835

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.
Cities and towns of Augusta, Canyon Creek, East Helena, Fort Harrison, Helena, Lincoln, Marysville and Wolf Creek Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Helena—2708 Billings Ave. (behind Wal-Mart), 406-443-3680

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Helena Independent Recard, P. O. Box 4249, Helena, MT 59604, 406-447-4000
Blackfoot Valley Dispatch, P. O. Box 427, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4975

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Augusta Community Library, Main Street, Augusta, MT 59410-0387, 406-562-3348
Lewis & Clark Public Library, 120 S. Last Chance Gulch, Helena, MT 59601-4133, 406-447-1690
Lincoln Community Library, Main Street, Lincoln, MT 59639-0480, 406-362-4300

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**
Montana University System
Helena College of Technology of the University of Montana, 1115 Roberts St., Helena, MT 59601, 406-444-6800 or 800-241-4882

Independent College
Carroll College, 1601 N. Benton Ave., Helena, MT 59625, 406-447-4300

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Auchard Creek Elementary, 9605 Highway 287, Wolf Creek, MT 59648-8637, 406-562-3528
Augusta Public Schools, P. O. Box 307, Augusta, MT 59410, 406-562-3384
Craig Elementary, 375 Augusta St., Craig, MT 59648-8738, 406-235-4239
East Helena Elementary, P. O. Box 1280, East Helena, MT 59635, 406-227-6631
Helena Public Schools, P. O. Box 5417, Helena, MT 59604, 406-447-8595
Kessler Elementary, 2420 Choteau St., Helena, MT 59601, 406-442-0150
Lincoln K-12 Schools, P. O. Box 39, Lincoln, MT 59639, 406-362-4201
Trinity Elementary, P. O. Box 523, Canyon Creek, MT 59633, 406-458-6164
Wolf Creek Elementary, Box 196, Wolf Creek, MT 59648, 406-235-4353

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Lewis & Clark County Employment By Industry* Annual Averages 1998							
Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid	Industry	# of Estab- lish- ments	Average Annual Employ- ment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,185	27,368	\$684,448,869	General Merchandise	9	712	\$9,217,728
PRIVATE BUSINESS	2,050	18,985	\$419,646,759	Food Stores	42	745	\$11,091,908
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	36	285	\$4,136,072	Auto Dealers-Service Stations	63	556	\$12,341,086
Agri Production/Crops	4	85	\$936,192	Apparel & Accessories	19	79	\$777,625
Agri Production/Livestock	10	93	\$1,696,075	Furniture Stores	48	240	\$3,983,364
Agriculture Services	21	104	\$1,487,276	Eating & Drinking	153	1,888	\$15,923,810
MINING	11	27	\$879,888	Miscellaneous Retail	90	567	\$8,063,859
Metal Mining	6	8	\$468,870	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	193	1,819	\$56,082,616
Mining & Quarry Nonmetal	3	16	\$367,217	Banking	26	544	\$15,192,857
CONSTRUCTION	241	1,236	\$35,394,881	Credit Agencies	14	132	\$4,094,211
General Building	76	417	\$1,157,003	Security & Commodity	9	31	\$2,144,087
Heavy Construction	14	59	\$2,175,695	Insurance Agents	29	153	\$5,395,067
Special Trade	151	758	\$21,649,183	Real Estate	83	271	\$4,751,506
MANUFACTURING	66	1,023	\$28,949,642	Holding & Investments	8	43	\$1,599,058
Food Products	4	71	\$1,012,171	SERVICES	879	7,672	\$172,867,176
Lumber	15	58	\$1,386,772	Hotels & Lodging	29	375	\$4,123,677
Printing-Publishing	10	285	\$6,254,930	Personal Services	31	182	\$2,191,441
Chemicals	5	124	\$4,705,227	Business Services	117	781	\$17,417,349
Stone-Clay-Glass	6	64	\$2,099,094	Auto Repair Services	50	200	\$3,843,463
Fabricated Metal	3	12	\$261,905	Miscellaneous Repair Services	25	88	\$2,188,959
Nonelectrical Machinery**	4	17	\$483,695	Motion Pictures	10	68	\$700,179
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	5	59	\$1,129,233	Amusement & Recreation	54	594	\$5,565,218
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	78	1,134	\$34,091,391	Health Services	135	1,970	\$54,589,138
Local Transportation	5	95	\$867,404	Legal Services	49	233	\$7,454,214
Trucking-Warehousing	25	326	\$10,122,317	Educational Services	19	333	\$7,423,460
Water Transportation	4	9	\$163,037	Social Services	89	1,208	\$18,337,579
Air Transportation	8	154	\$3,195,957	Membership Organizations	116	766	\$16,449,615
Transport Services	8	38	\$988,887	Engineering Services	124	816	\$31,458,361
Communication	18	393	\$13,239,401	Private Households	23	28	\$348,471
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	6	115	\$5,400,902	Miscellaneous Services	3	14	\$675,213
WHOLESALE TRADE	92	776	\$21,227,610	GOVERNMENT	135	8,382	\$264,802,110
Durable Goods	55	366	\$11,377,108	State	34	4,933	\$149,222,404
Nondurable Goods	36	410	\$9,850,502	Local	42	2,095	\$55,485,389
RETAIL TRADE	450	6,009	\$65,987,083	Federal	58	1,353	\$60,094,317
Bldg Materials-Garden	24	219	\$4,587,703				

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis. (Totals may not add due to rounding.)

*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

**Industrial & Commercial Machinery & Computer Equipment.

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,038	\$15,947	\$16,541	\$17,571	\$17,590	\$18,286	\$18,872	\$19,660
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Lewis & Clark County	\$4,152	\$9,970	\$16,262	\$17,064	\$17,848	\$18,705	\$19,451	\$20,348	\$21,078	\$21,635
% of National Average	102%	99%	85%	87%	87%	88%	88%	88%	87%	86%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1999.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income statewide is usually released late spring and county data around August each year. Population data for Montana is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

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Lewis & Clark County

1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
							Islander					
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	5,328	2,587	13	4	148	81	26	17	113	57	26	14
12-14	1,995	951	5	2	64	32	13	6	42	21	8	5
15-17	1,951	981	5	2	66	38	10	7	32	16	6	6
18-21	2,350	1,186	6	3	67	27	30	17	39	23	7	5
Total	11,622	5,685	29	11	345	178	79	47	226	119	45	30

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
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	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	34,719	18,016	41	18	728	385	165	103	337	180	79	40
16-64	29,284	14,859	30	13	672	355	156	98	316	171	78	37
18+	33,395	17,336	37	17	685	365	158	98	317	169	78	37
18-64	27,960	14,179	26	12	631	335	149	93	296	160	73	34

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/Asian or Pacific		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
							Islander					
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	3,324	1,668	9	2	96	49	35	21	72	36	20	10
5-17	9,272	4,499	23	8	278	151	49	30	187	96	38	25
18-44	19,200	9,825	20	9	461	239	114	70	243	132	61	28
45-64	8,760	4,354	6	3	170	96	35	23	53	28	12	6
62+	6,510	3,697	12	6	68	40	12	6	26	11	4	3
65+	5,435	3,157	11	5	54	30	9	5	21	9	3	3
Total	45,991	23,503	69	27	1,059	565	242	149	576	301	134	72

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Lewis & Clark County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Lewis & Clark County	County of Work	# Who Live in Lewis & Clark County
Out of State	134	Out of State	183
Broadwater County	192	Broadwater County	24
Cascade County	90	Cascade County	97
Gallatin County	124	Gallatin County	73
Jefferson County	1,486	Jefferson County	389
Lewis & Clark County	22,028	Lewis & Clark County	22,028
Missoula County	88	Missoula County	63
Powell County	82	Silver Bow County	38
Silver Bow County	34	Other Montana Counties	88
Teton County	38		
Yellowstone County	21		
Other Montana Counties	122		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.